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(Thomas)

1. QDCHAR was asked first to bring me up to date on what he and the others in his group have been doing and he reported that they were not doing much of anything except waiting. Waiting, first, for some funds which they are expecting to come primarily from the sale of the C-46; and, second, waiting for the establishment of some better communication with their contacts in Cuba.

2. With regard to the aircraft, DALIN told me on this date that he believes he does now have a sale for the aircraft and he thinks the sale price will be between US$50 and US$55 thousand.

3. QDCHAR said that 02 QDCOVE has communicated with someone (he wasn't sure of the name) in an attempt to solicit funds from people in Cuba. QDCHAR presented this in the light that 02 QDCOVE was "authorizing" some people in Cuba to go ahead and solicit funds. In this connection, QDCHAR mentioned that at one time in the past Julio LOBO (note: this name has never been mentioned in any previous conversations with this group) had considered donating US$100 thousand for the air force school which QDCHAR was promoting at that time, but apparently became frightened of the deal and nothing along this line materialized. QDCHAR said that he was hopeful that sometime he would be able to re-establish contact with LOBO. All this reference is entirely coincidental to my suggestions made to LEBANOW that I might try to bring this group together with Julio LOBO. Having learned of this previous connection, I want to revive this idea and proceed with the plan to bring these two together.

4. If and when they are able to accumulate some funds, it is their intention to go ahead with their plans for the establishment of a propaganda program which would be initially voice radio. QDCHAR said that he had been trying to persuade 02 QDBIAS and QDCOVE to a more narrow program within the limitations which I had cited for them in a previous meeting (See UMWA-11). He said he thinks now that this is the more realistic approach, but 02 QDCOVE holds to the original thinking that they cannot commit themselves to such limitations. QDCHAR informed me that 02 QDCOVE requests another meeting with me. He was told that I would be away for a few days but would contact him as soon as I return.

5. I then questioned QDCHAR about his knowledge and QDBIAS' knowledge of the presence of Soviet Russians in Cuba. QDCHAR stated that his only information had come 05 to him through Douglas ROOT (this is the Canadian whom QDCHAR referred to frequently in his earlier debriefing by SADELLY et al). Root claimed to him to have seen the 05 Soviets in Santiago de Cuba and QDCHAR said that furthermore he had obtained the names which he passed to Colonel NICHOLS in the American Embassy in Havana. When asked if he thought these were the same Soviets that QDBIAS had referred to in his testimony in Washington, QDCHAR said he felt that they were, although he believed QDBIAS' information was obtained independent of his, QDCHAR's, source.

6. Going on in this vein, QDCHAR stated that 05 ROOT is one of several people whom QDCHAR encouraged to remain in place and to go along with Raul CASTRO and others for the purpose of obtaining more specific information on Communists and Communist activities in the armed forces. He said that along this line ROOT had been intro- 05 duced to Fidel CASTRO's secretary, whose name is Maria. QDCHAR said her full name is a Russian name but at the moment he can only recall the name "Maria". Through this relationship, it was expected that ROOT 05 would develop a good deal of information. Others named in this connection were Ramir VALDES, who is close to Raul Castro, Juan FERNANDEZ de Castro of the Air Force, and Efrain FAJARDO, whom QDCHAR says is an American. QDCHAR is certain that if he by some means can re-establish communication with these individuals he will obtain important information regarding Communist activities in the Cuban armed forces.

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7. In answer to his appeal for assistance, I said I would try to help him devise some means of establishing this communication. He suggested that we pass word to his wife to contact Juan FERNANDEZ de Castro before she leaves for the purpose of putting him in contact with anyone we want to name and to instruct him in QDCHAR's name to pass on any and all information he has at this time.

8. This group still believes, in spite of what has been reported from Cuba, that, while they may have some little different view as to how much MORGAN can be trusted, Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo and MORGAN and the men of the Second Front of the Escambray are and will remain anti-Castro and eventually will move against him.

9. It was learned that QDCHAR is presently living in Frank FIORINI's house at 2030 SW 60th Court, Miami, telephone MO 7-[illegible]. He also informed me that ODENVY had been talking with him about some local friends through whom he produced the names of some acquaintances of those whose names are Russian. I have not yet had an opportunity to discuss this with the ODENVY agent involved.

10. I will meet with the group again at the end of this week, at which time I expect they will have some modified position with regard to their activities and will appeal again for assistance. Meantime, it is recommended that QDCHAR's recommendation with regard to having his wife get in touch with FERNANDEZ de Castro and to get him debriefed be passed to the Havana Station.

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